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1. On 12 June 1951 a special meeting of the leaders of Betriebsorganisationen (factory cells) within USIA was held at KP0e Headquarters, Wasagasse, Vienna IX. The meeting was called by the Stadtleitung (city directorate) of the KP0e. Presence was by invitation only, the invitations being delivered by courier; each invitation was addressed personally to the individual concerned.
2. The meeting was attended by Jugendreferenten, Kulturreferenten and Betriebsorganisationsleiter of the factory cells of USIA plants. The meeting was addressed by the following KP0e officials:
 - a. Lauscher, Josef: Stadtleiter, KP0e
 - b. Irik, fmu: Kader Buro, KP0e
 - c. Rusitschka, fmu: Kader Buro, KP0e
 - d. Breuning, Hans: Stadtleiter, KP0eJ
3. According to Lauscher, the meeting was called in order to coordinate the youth work within factory cells with general KP0e activities. At present the KP0e is dissatisfied with the relations existing between party officials and youth officials. The party officials must be cognizant of the problem confronting the youth organizations, while the latter must devote more time and energy to the political problems of the party. In order to accomplish this aim, as of 1 July 1951, each party cell within a factory will be held fully responsible for the youth activities within the factory.*
4. The other speakers emphasized the following points:
 - a. Suspicion against the KP0eJ on the part of older party members must be neutralized.
 - b. The reputation of the party amongst members of the KP0eJ must be bolstered.
 - c. Personal contact between members of the party factory cells and members of the KP0eJ must be increased and improved.
 - d. Nominations into the Betriebsrat (for the position of Jugendreferenten) should be only those of reliable KP0eJ members, i.e. members who have received full political indoctrination.

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- e. The Central Committee is highly dissatisfied with the small number of FOeJ members in the Vienna area, where party membership far exceeds FOeJ membership.
- f. In the near future a drive will be launched with the aim of doubling the membership of the FOeJ in the Vienna area prior to January, 1952.
- g. To accelerate and intensify the political development of young Communists within the FOeJ, the party will place at the disposal of the FOeJ its ablest young members.

5. Lauscher concluded by stating that the FOeJ would still remain relatively independent of the party and that the cooperation of party organs would not be allowed to result in the disappearance of the FOeJ as a separate unit. Lauscher also announced that the Kulturreferenten of the factory cells would be charged with the task of supplying material aid to the youth groups within their domain and with pressuring factory directors for funds and general assistance in furthering the work of the FOeJ groups.

6. Those present at the meeting were informed that on 14 June a second meeting concerning the question would be held, this meeting being composed of representatives from party organizations in privately-owned factories.

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Comment: This represents a departure from present practice and will result in a considerable lessening of the autonomy which the FOeJ has enjoyed to date.

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